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Miss Sutton, of Whom Least Was Expected, the Only Foreigner to Win a Championship—Larned, Ward, Clothier and Wright Lacking at Critical Periods.

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC.

Achieving remarkable success at the Queen's Club tournament for the championship of London, American and other foreign tennis players failed most disastrously to distinguish themselves in the all-England championships at Wimbledon. The play at the Queen's Club furnished the most remarkable run of victories for foreign players ever enjoyed in England.

The entry list included three of the four great Australian players and two of the strongest English experts. Yet the Americans, not yet off their heels, ran through their opponents as if they were the weakest of local amateurs. In the semi-finals there were two Americans, one Australian and one Englishman left in the singles and two American pairs, one Australian pair and one English team in the doubles.

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